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CONTACTS WITH THE MEDIA ON 26 JANUARY 1986

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| STATcali, John ABC News (Sunday, 26 Jan., query) | | Is surprised by U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT story about another KGB defector. Had heard the same story about a month ago and was told by high-level administration sources that it was not true. 1) What has CIA had to say on the matter? 2) Are we aware that some are claiming CIA leaked the story with the intention of denying it off the record and consequently planting the seed that might prevent the defector resettlement program from being moved to the FBI? | 1) We do not talk about defectors. Repeated off-the-record guidance that we had told U.S. NEWS we knew of no such defector. 2) That's garbage. CIA does not play that kind of game with the U.S. media. |
| STATthenon, Philip NEW YORK TIMES (Sunday, 26 Jan., query) Barger, Brian AP (Sunday, 26 Jan., query) | | Senator Leahy says he knows nothing about another KGB officer who defected this year. Has CIA's stance on the story changed since yesterday? | We do not discuss defectors, be they real or fictitious. |

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| STAT Johnson, Sandy AP (Saturday, 25 Jan., query) Shenon, Philip NEW YORK TIMES (Saturday, 25 Jan., query) | | Any comment on advance story issued today by U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT about a KGB defector said to be under the care of the CIA? His defection last spring is said to have been kept secret to keep from interfering with the Reagan-Gorbachev summit? | We do not discuss defectors. Repeated off-the-record guidance that we had told U.S. NEWS we knew of no such defector. |

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CONTACTS WITH THE MEDIA ON 24 JANUARY 1986

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| STAT Trehitt, Henry U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT | <input type="text"/> | Knows that Agency recommended off the record that U.S. NEWS not run a story about a KGB defector who was flown out of East Germany last spring by helicopter and who has been settled outside the Washington area. Despite Agency indication that no such defector exists, the reporters have five other sources who say there is such a fellow. Will have to go with the story. 1) Would like to talk to the DCI about it. 2) Does CIA have any comment on the story? | 1) DCI not available. 2) CIA does not comment on the subject of defectors. |
| STAT Weiskoph, Arlene CBS Nightwatch | <input type="text"/> | Requests interview with the DCI on subjects of terrorism, Middle East and Libya. | Cannot arrange. |
| STAT Gordon, Michael NEW YORK TIMES | <input type="text"/> | Can CIA provide any more information on the Krasnoyarsk radar than is given in the testimony from congressional hearings on subject of arms control? | No. |

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| STAT Sandza, Richard NEWSWEEK | | Can CIA provide any information regarding reports in NEW YORK TIMES that Marcos' war record is false? | No. |
| Peterson, William WASHINGTON POST | | Why would CIA representatives attend a discussion group on Gramm-Rudman? | Because the CIA is affected by Gramm-Rudman as is the rest of the government. |
| McGarrahan, Ellen VILLAGE VOICE | | A GAO report on U.S. aid to WWII war criminals indicates one was in the employ of the CIA. VOICE intends to publish his name. What did subject do for CIA? | Cannot help. |
| Hio, Alice ALBANY STUDENT PRESS | | Asks several questions regarding CIA contracts with universities and professors. | Answered as appropriate and referred to recent NEW YORK TIMES article for comments by DDI. |
| Ellington, Careth Author | | Requests any unclassified information or declassified documents the CIA would have on the Kremlin. Is writing a scene for a novel that takes place there and Miami libraries have no material on the subject. | CIA has no such material to hand out. Suggest conducting a little historical research at someplace like the Library of Congress. |

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